

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1-3, 6-15, 17-19, 24, 25 and 27-28 have been amended. Claims 5 and 21-23 have been cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, claims 1-4, 6-20 and 24-29 are now presented for examination.

Specification

In response to the Examiner's note about a missing "Brief Summary of the Invention," Applicants respectfully submit that to include a "Brief Summary of the Invention" in a Specification is not mandatory (see 37 C.F.R. §1.73; see also 37 C.F.R. §1.77 and MPEP §608.01(d)).

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 1-2, 4-12, 14-18, 20-24 and 26-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as being anticipated by Kenner et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,269,394 ("Kenner").

Claim 1, as amended, in pertinent part, recites "receiving a request for data from a requesting system, the request having an address; receiving an identifier corresponding to the address from an edge server of a plurality of edge servers, the edge server having the requested data . . . and directing the requesting system to the edge server to receive the requested data.

Applicants submit that Kenner discloses a "system and method for delivery of video data over a computer network" (Title; Abstract). Kenner further discloses "[w]hen the user requests a desired video clip, the request is processed by a primary index manager ("PIM") via a Local Search and Retrieval Unit ("SRU") [and] . . . [b]efore the message is communicated to the PIM, the local SRU checks its own storage to see

whether the requested video clips are available locally . . . [t]he PIM determines the extended SRU where the audio-visual data is stored and passes this information to a Data Sequencing Interface (“DSI”) . . . [which] collects the video clips and downloads the clips to the user’s terminal . . . [t]he user may then view, copy, or print the video clip as desired” (Abstract). Stated differently, Kenner discloses attempting to provide video clips “stored locally” and, if such attempt fails, to provide “a system whereby remotely stored audio and video content can be requested and retrieved from a server selected so as to maximize network capacity and minimize transmission delays” (col. 1, lines 11-21).

First, Kenner does not teach or reasonably suggest “receiving a request . . . having an address” and second, Kenner does not teach or reasonably suggest receiving an identifier corresponding to the address from an edge server . . . having the requested data” as recited by claim 1 (emphasis provided). Accordingly, for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims.

With regard to claims 9, 14, 17, 24 and 27, they contain limitations similar to those of claim 1 and accordingly, Applicants request the rejection of claims 9, 14, 17 and 24 and their dependent claims be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 3, 13, 19, and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kenner et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,269,394 (“Kenner”) in view of Alkhatib, U.S. Patent No. 6,119,171 (“Alkhatib”).

With regard to claims 3, 13, 19 and 25, they depend from one of independent claims 1, 9, 17 and 24 and thus, include the limitations of the independent claim from

which they depend. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 3, 13, 19 and 25.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn and the application be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

Charge our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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